State Of South Dakota

EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION FOR VALOR

Office Of The Governor

It took a cool head and some quick thinking, but Jana Jacobs saved her brother's life. It was after three o'clock on November 9, 1981, and Jana was out playing with her two brothers and another friend. The foursome was out enjoying the fall day and playing in a grove of trees adjacent to an abandoned gravel pit. Their play was light and friendly. Little did they expect the drama that would unfold that afternoon. And then it happened: the landslide.

Jana and Jason were able to dodge the deadly slide, but their friends were caught by surprise and overwhelmed by the shifting rubble. Jana sized up the situation quickly. She knew that her brother couldn't last long buried beneath the rock and dirt, so she concentrated all her mental and physical strength upon finding him and saving him.

Spotting his glasses in the dirt, Jana began digging frantically to uncover her brother's face. She uncovered Torey's head enough to allow him to breathe, and then ran the 400 yards to her home and summoned her father who aided in the rescue.

Jana Jacobs' immediate actions most certainly saved her brother's life. Under the pressure of this life or death situation, she showed tremendous courage and physical stamina. She quickly assessed the situation and without skipping a beat, was able to make a decision that kept her brother alive.

The bonds of family are strong, but never so strong as when one member is in danger. Jana Jacobs proved her love . . . and her strength . . . by excelling in a very stressful situation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the valor or

JANA JACOBS

and I join Jana's family and friends in congratulating her for responding to a life or death situation with intelligence and a lifesaving calm.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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